

# Duxbury to compile data on historical sites

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DUXBURY — The historical commission has received a \$18,000 state grant for a survey of the town's historical properties.

The survey will include a brief history of the town and a photograph and description of each surveyed property. The target completion date is June 30, 2000.

The town will pay for the survey with the grant and \$12,000 of its own money.

Co-chairwoman Josephine Hall said the historical commission was motivated to do the study because it did not have much information about many of the properties it was

being asked to review for demolition. She said the survey will reduce the research the commission must do before making recommendations on demolition proposals.

Another purpose of the survey is to identify properties and districts to recommend for addition to the National Register of Historic Places.

Duxbury properties and areas already on the National Register include the John Alden House, the

King Caesar House and First Parish Church and the Old Shipbuilders' Historic District.

Hall said the commission will hire a preservation consultant to help with the survey. Project coordinator Martha Himes, a member of the historical commission, said the consultant will help determine whether the \$30,000 is enough to pay for the entire survey. The long-term goal is to have all the town's historic properties included in the survey, she said.

Himes said the commission will probably begin the process of hiring a consultant by the end of the month. Himes will meet with the state Historical Commission on May 20 to discuss the project.